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## DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

### NEWS RELEASE



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#### **2015 Yukon River Summer Salmon Fishery News Release #84**

#### **Summer Announcement #74, Yukon River Subdistricts 5-A, 5-B, and 5-C Subsistence**

#### **Fishing Schedule**

Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area

As a result of considerable conservation efforts, the Canadian-origin Chinook salmon run is now anticipated to be strong enough to meet the upper end of the escapement objective of 42,500 to 55,000. Through July 26, approximately 54,000 Chinook salmon have been counted at the Eagle sonar project. The current projection for Canadian-origin Chinook salmon at the border based on Eagle sonar counts and historical migration timing is approximately 64,000 to 72,000. With a border passage estimate of this size, there is greater confidence that the spawning escapement and harvest sharing objectives will be met. Therefore, the current subsistence fishing schedule is being relaxed in Subdistricts 5-A, 5-B, and 5-C.

Beginning Tuesday, July 28, subsistence salmon fishing in Subdistricts 5-A, 5-B, and 5-C will be open five days a week with 6-inch or smaller mesh size gillnets and fish wheels for the remainder of the summer season. Chinook salmon caught in gillnet gear and fish wheels may be retained for subsistence use.

#### **Subdistricts 5-A, 5-B, and 5-C Subsistence Fishing Schedule**

(from the western edge of the mouth of Illinois Creek to the ADF&G regulatory marker located approximately two miles downstream of Waldron Creek, including the communities of Tanana and Rampart as well as the area near the Yukon River bridge):

Currently, subsistence salmon fishing in Subdistricts 5-A, 5-B, and 5-C is on the regulatory schedule of two 48-hour periods per week.

Effective 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 28, subsistence salmon fishing in Subdistricts 5-A, 5-B, and 5-C will be open five days per week from 6:00 p.m. Tuesdays to 6:00 p.m. Sundays with 6-inch or smaller mesh size gillnets and fish wheels for the remainder of the summer season. Chinook salmon caught in gillnet gear and fish wheels may be retained for subsistence use.

The subsistence fishing schedule and recorded fishery announcements will be available 24 hours a day at **1-866-479-7387** (toll free outside of Fairbanks); in Fairbanks, call **(907) 459-7387**.

If you have any questions regarding this report, please call the ADF&G office in Anchorage at 267-2217 or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Fairbanks at 455-1849.

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